IMPERIALISM

READ ME FIRST !

We know you're anxious to begin IMPERIALISM, but before you do, please be sure that your system meets the following minimum system requirements:

Windows® 95 Systems

- Pentium **75 MHz** IBM PC or compatible
- 16 MB of RAM
- An Uncompressed hard drive with **100 MB free** for Recommended install (the game also makes use of up to **25 MB** of hard drive space for temporary files).
- A **4X** CD-ROM drive or faster
- A SVGA video adapter with **1MB** of memory
- A 100% Microsoft (or Logitech) compatible mouse
- Microsoft mouse driver version 9.00 or higher or Logitech mouse driver version 6.24 or higher

NOTE: This is a Windows® 95 game and cannot be played on Windows® NT systems. Multitasking is not recommended when playing IMPERIALISM.

In addition to the basic system requirements, the game requires that DirectX5 be installed to your hard drive. The option to install DirectX5 appears during the game installation. At the end of installation, you will be prompted to register IMPERIALISM and offered an opportunity to register the Windows 95 version electronically.

INSTALLING THE GAME

You must install IMPERIALISM game files to your hard drive and have the IMPERIALISM CD in your CD-ROM drive to play this game.

To install the game, insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive. When the pop-up window appears, click on the **Install** option. If you have disabled the Windows 95 Autorun, or it does not function, **Explore** the CD and double click on the **Setup** icon.

If you experience problems during installation, please refer to the "Troubleshooting" section of this data card. Additional information regarding sound and video setup can be found there.

STARTING THE GAME

Insert the IMPERIALISM CD into your CD-ROM drive, and select **Play** from the pop-up window.

For users that have disabled the Windows 95 Autorun feature, or it does not function, open the IMPERIALISM program folder from your Windows 95 **Start** button and click on the IMPERIALISM icon.

For complete and specific "how to play" information, please refer to the IMPERIALISM User Manual.

NOTICE: Changes may have been made to the game after the User Manual was printed. Refer to the README.TXT file for complete listings of up to date information.

UNINSTALLING THE GAME FOR Windows® 95

To uninstall the game, choose **Settings** from the Windows 95 **Start** button, and select **Control Panel**. In the **Control Panel**, select **Add/Remove Programs**, left-click on IMPERIALISM, and click on the **Add/Remove** button. The game and all of its components are then removed from your hard drive, except for your saved games.

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION

If you did not register your copy of IMPERIALISM after installation, and wish to do so later:

1. From your desktop select the **Start** button, click on **Programs,** click on IMPERIALISM and click on **Register**.
2. Follow all on screen prompts.

PowerPC Systems

- PowerPC compatible
- 16 MB of RAM with **8 MB free**
- **System 7.5.5** or later
- An Uncompressed hard drive with **100 MB free** for Recommended install (the game also makes use of up to **25 MB** of hard drive space for temporary files)
- A **4X** CD-ROM drive or faster
- The ability to dispay **256** colors
- Mouse

INSTALLING THE GAME

1. Place the IMPERIALISM CD in the CD-ROM drive.
2. Quit all currently running applications.
3. Open the IMPERIALISM CD by double-clicking on the CD icon. Drag the IMPERIALISM folder to an appropriate place on your hard disk.

STARTING THE GAME

1. Open the IMPERIALISM folder and double click on the IMPERIALISM icon.
2. Follow all on screen prompts.

SAVING GAMES

IMPERIALISM requires space on your hard drive for saved games and temporary files. Each saved game can take up to 500KB of hard drive space.

TROUBLESHOOTING

DirectX Disclaimer

IMPERIALISM utilizes Microsoft's DirectX sound and video drivers. DirectX is a programming tool created by Microsoft, and the installation of DirectX may cause video problems and system anomalies with computers using video drivers that aren't DirectX compliant. DirectX is a Microsoft product, and as such, SSI cannot be responsible for changes that might occur to your computer system due to its installation. For DirectX related problems that cannot be fixed by updating to your video card's latest Windows 95 driver set, you must contact either Microsoft or the manufacturer of your video card for further technical support or service.

Microsoft retains all intellectual property rights to DirectX. The user has been granted a limited license to use DirectX with Microsoft operating system products.

DirectX5 Setup

This game requires DirectX5. If you have not yet from the CD. **Explore** the game CD, and open th **DINSTALL.EXE** to start the DirectX5 install.

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DirectX5 Setup

This game requires DirectX5. If you have not yet installed DirectX5, it can be installed from the CD. **Explore** the game CD, and open the **REDIST** folder. Double click on **DINSTALL.EXE** to start the DirectX5 install.

Verifying DirectX Video / Sound Card Drivers

To verify that your sound and video drivers are DirectX5 certified, follow the steps below.

1. Click on the windows Start button (usually found in the lower left corner of your screen).
2. Click on **Run.**
3. In the open field type the command: **C:\progra˜1\directx\setup\dxsetup.exe** then click on **OK.**
4. Make sure all drivers say "Certified" next to them.

If any of your drivers are not DirectX certified, you should contact the hardware manufacturer and see if they have certified DirectX5 drivers.

Reinstating Windows 95 Video Drivers

If you find that there is a problem with your display after you have installed DirectX5 you can reinstate your old video drivers by following these the instructions below.

1. Click on the windows **Start** button (usually found in the lower left corner of your screen).
2. Click on **Run.**
3. In the open field type the command: **C:\progra˜1\directx\setup\dxsetup.exe** then click on **OK.**
4. Click on the **Restore Display Drivers** button.

Note: This may require that you have the disk containing your original drivers.

WINDOWS 95 SOUND AND VIDEO CARDS

Some sound and/or video cards are not supported by Windows 95 and DirectX5. If you do not have the following Sound or Video cards, the game may not work.

DirectX Supported Sound Cards: *Aztech, Creative Labs, ESS, Media Vision, Microsoft*

DirectX Supported Video Cards: *2D: ATI, Chips @ Technologies, Cirrus Logic, Matrox, S3, Tseng Labs, Western Digital, 3Dlabs, ATI, Creative Labs, Rendition*

HARD DISK SPACE

If IMPERIALISM does not start up or crashes intermittently, try restarting your computer, and check to be sure that your C: drive is not completely full.

CONTACTING SSI TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you are having problems, please consult the "Troubleshooting" section of this data card before contacting SSI Technical Support. We've put many of the solutions to the most common problems in that area of the data card. If you are sure that you meet the requirements and the game still does not run, please make certain that you are using the latest drivers for your system.

We have a staff of Technical Support Specialists ready to help you with any technical problems you may have with any of our games. If your problem is due to your system configuration, they will tell you of the game's requirements and suggest some possible solutions.

CONTACTING SSI TECHNICAL SUPPORT (continued)

Because of the millions of different hardware and software configurations possible with today's PCs, you may still have to consult with you computer dealer, hardware manufacturer, or software publisher to properly configure your system before our game will work.

You may also need to get the latest version of your sound, video, mouse, or CD-ROM drivers before the game will run properly.

We suggest contacting SSI Technical Support via fax or e-mail if possible. Please send a printout of your c:\autoexec.bat file, a printout of your c:\config.sys file, and a complete description of the problem. Please include the Operating System you are using, and any error messages you have seen which indicate that there is a problem.

Please send this information to our fax number, or one of the e-mail addresses found below.

Fax: 1-408-737-6814 **Attn: Technical Support**
E-mail: ssitechsupt@mindscape.com
76711.250@compuserve.com
stratsim@aol.com

If you cannot fax or e-mail us, we can also be reached by phone. Our Technical Support number is (408) 737-6850. The phones are open from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M., Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, Holidays excluded. **Absolutely no game playing hints will be given through this number**.

If the game about which you are inquiring has been out for more than 90 days, you'll also want to contact one of our online resources to be sure you are running the latest version of the game before contacting SSI Technical Support. Please see the SSI ONLINE section for information about where the latest patches and updates can be found.

SSI ONLINE

Strategic Simulations, Inc. is currently represented on two online networks, CompuServe and America Online as well as the World Wide Web.

World Wide Web http://www.ssionline.com

America Online E-Mail: Stratsim

CompuServe E-Mail: 76711,250

SSI Files/Discussion can be found on Compuserve at GO SSIFORUM

IMPERIALISM WEB SITE

In addition to the SSI web page, there is a web site exclusively for IMPERIALISM which provides background information for the game. You can reach this web site at: **http://www.imperialism.com**.

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